



# Atala Montessori

Dear Toddler Parents,

We are very excited about the start of the school year and eagerly look forward to working with your children. You may have some questions about the classroom, and what is needed by the children. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions.

We request that every child bring a **backpack clearly labeled** with his or her name. In addition, we ask for you to send a water bottle, a blanket, a fitted crib sheet, disposable diapers, and a box of wipes. **Please note pacifiers and baby bottles are not used in our classroom.** Please send in two extra sets of clothes, an extra pair of shoes, including socks in a large Ziploc bag, which we will keep here in case of an accident. Your child/children should have at least one purple t-shirt for field trips and picture day. **Please put your child's name on everything to avoid having it lost or misplaced.**

All children should bring their lunch in a lunch box marked with the child's name. It is a good idea to use the insulated ones to keep food cool and fresh. Please send a healthy, well-balanced lunch for your child. We will assist the child in opening any containers. Because of choking hazards children are not allowed to have any popcorn at school. Hot dogs should be cut in quarters and grapes must be cut in half.

Although your children are toddlers, we ask that you please bring them to school on time. We have a short period of academic time in the morning and late arrivals are disruptive. **If you bring your child later than 8:30 AM, please provide a doctor's note or you will be asked to take your child home for the day. Dismissal takes place at 12:15 for half day children. Toddlers cannot be picked up during nap time (12:45 – 2:15).**

**Family Picture:** Please send a family picture so that we may display everyone's families on the wall in our classroom.

**Potty Training:** Please send 3 sets of clothing, 5 pairs of underwear and an extra pair of shoes, preferably crocs.

**Monday is Show and Tell:** The children may bring something special to show the class. Some of our favorites are: books, photographs, shells, rocks, artwork, etc. **Toys should be left at home.** We also enjoy hearing about a trip you took, a funny story, or what you did over the weekend.

**Friday is Sharing Day.** On this day the children may bring a healthy snack to share with the class. This is optional and does not have to be done every week. We enjoy fruits, veggies, cheese, muffins, crackers etc. Stickers are fun too, just be sure to cut them individually so they are ready to be passed out. We are asking that all food brought into the classroom is healthy and would prefer fresh or homemade snacks. We would appreciate your help in implementing healthy eating habits in the classroom as well as at home.

Friday is also an optional Pizza Day for those who wish to participate. We will be ordering cheese pizza. Money is sent in on a monthly basis and will vary depending on how many Fridays are in the month. The cost is \$4.00 per week and we do require **cash only** (no checks please). We ask that pizza for the month be paid in full by the first Thursday of the month. You will find the amount to be sent in on the monthly Child of the Day calendar. If the full monthly payment is not made by that date, your child will not be allowed to order pizza until the next month. This is for bookkeeping purposes and **NO exceptions will be made.** If your child is not going to participate, please send lunch.

We are looking forward to a very full and exciting year. Thank you for entrusting your child to our care.

Sincerely,  
Sra. Valle